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Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 7, 2000 INVITATION  
TO CORRECT DEFECTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

This Communication is submitted in response to an Invitation To Correct Defects In The International Application which was issued by the United States Receiving Office on June 7, 2000 in connection with the above-identified PCT International Application. The Invitation provides one (1) month for filing a response. Therefore a response to the June 7, 2000 Invitation is due July 7, 2000. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

In the June 7, 2000 Invitation, the subject PCT International Application was objected to in Annex C1 under Rules 11 and 26.3 (a)(i). Specifically, the sheets containing the drawings do not admit direct reproduction, the minimum margins on the sheets are not as prescribed and the sheet numbers are in the margins. In response, applicants attach hereto as Exhibit A new, corrected formal drawings for Figures 1A-19 (pages 1-35).

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Additionally, the June 7, 2000 Invitation was accompanied by a Communication indicating that page 14 of the drawings, containing Figure 7a, was missing from the subject PCT International Application. In response, applicants attach hereto as Exhibit B a copy of the returned postcard stamped by the RO/US (US Receiving Office) of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to indicate receipt of 35 pages of drawings with the subject PCT International Application on May 3, 2000. Applicants also attach hereto as Exhibit A, formal drawings for Figures 1A-19, including Figure 7a (pages 1-35).

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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